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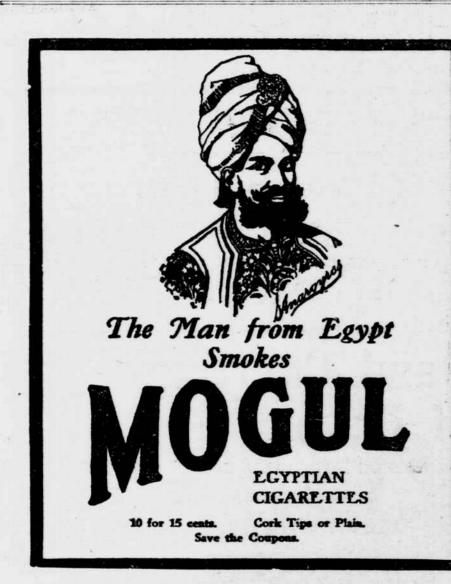
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O'BRIEN AND RYAN TO MEET IN LONGER ROUND BATTLE.

Baltimore Shooters Won-Rough Rid ing at New Orleans - Brush Don't Want Davis.

Barney Oldfield, an American, driving an American automobile, won the one-mile championship at Ormond, Fla., yesterday from William K. Vanderbilt, jr., who drove a car of European make. It was a joyous occasion in the American camp when the Winton Bullet, No. 2, built for the international cup race last year, in which it was a rank failure, shot over the mark victor by three seconds, beating the Mercedes, one of which won the cup race last year. Vanderbilt was beaten by three seconds at the finish, but that does not tell the story of the hard struggle down the wavy beach along the edge of the in-rolling waves in a

fog which obscured both cars. Spectators along the course, which start-Spectators along the course, which started at Daytona and ran southward, told of a struggle side by side to a point some discourse. The deciding race will be shot at Lester German's town, Aberdeen, Md., within the tance beyond the half-mile point. Oldfield

was barely leading to that point. Then Vanderbilt threw in his fourth speed and the machine was clogged with too large a gear for the engines. Oldfield shot away one hundred and perhaps one hundred and fifty yards before the millionaire could get back to the third gear, which had

been keeping him at least even.

At the finishing point there were many anxious men, including Winthrop E. Scarritt of the Automobile Club of America, because the haze on the course obscured the view. Suddenly out of the gloom up the stretch was heard a sound as of heavy ar-tillery as the two great monsters with their

daring drivers came rushing on. Nearer and nearer came the sound, and then from the mist shot the two machines, with Oldfield leading. Tom Cooper sat beside Oldfield and frantically waved his arms as the long rakish bullet went over the tape just three seconds ahead of Vanderbilt.

He made no excuses then and it was from a private source that the information from a private source that the information came in regard to the gears.

The final time was 463-5s., which Oldfield had beaten in a heat when he defeated Stevens and Bowden in 43 seconds, a new competitive record for the world. The mark set by Augiers on the Dourdan road, 46 seconds, was thus brought to America and to Florida's course. Augiers after doing 46s, tried over a dozen times to lower it and failed. Without wind and with the course wavy, which scattered loose sand course wavy, which scattered loose sand over it to bunch when the breakers rolled, this record of 43 seconds must stand as a competitive record of great excellence. Stevens gained the right to start in the

first heat to Vanderbilt, who won in Vanderbilt also won the first heat of the five-mile race for gentlemen drivers. The timing instrument was not installed and no No other races could be run because the

final heat through being second in the fastest heat. H. L. Bowden was second in the

There were unnecessary and vexatious delays in running the races yesterday, and not events will be carried over until today, and the meet must necessarily go into next

Today Vanderbilt and Oldfield and Bow-

William K. Vanderbilt, jr., said last night that his racing car would be sold at the close of this meet. His object in selling is not known, but it is probable that he will seek a new and faster car for next year, as he has agreed to again compete at Ormond. He will be a member of the A. A. A. racing

Next year's meet is assured by subscriptions taken Wednesday night for the events the thousands of dollars subscribed to be devoted to the purchase of handsome cups devoted to the purchase of handsome cups. W. K. Vanderbilt, jr., heads the list with \$500, N. M. Flagler adds \$500, Mrs. Howard Gould. \$250; W. G. Brokaw, \$250; S. D. Stevens, \$250; J. H. Hoadley, \$250; A. D. Proctor, \$250; C. G. Burgoyne, \$250; J. W. Masury, \$250; H. L. Bowden, \$250; James L. Breese, \$250, and Talmage Hand, \$100. One of the most interested spectators of the races yesterday, standing in the crowd on the beach, was Gov. Jennings of Florida, who is an automobile enthusiast. Santos-Dumont was also present, and he took a spin in the machine of W. G. Brokaw up and down the beach, declaring it the greatest automobile route he ever rode

FIGHT AFTERMATH.

O'Brien Will Meet Ryan Again in Longer Contest. The consensus of opinion in Philadelphia

regarding the fight Wednesday night between Jack O'Brien and Tommy Ryan is that it was a great battle. After thinking the bout all over they are of the opinion that it was a rather different kind of a fight after O'Brien knocked Ryan down in the fifth round. They are still wondering just what it all meant. O'Brien knocking Ryan down and then Ryan all but finishing O'Brien, and yet not really doing so.

O'Brien has a kick coming as to the weight of the gloves wherewith he fought. These were furnished, according to a clause in the agreement, by Tommy Ryan. Ordinarily the weight of contest gloves is

five ounces. Jack claims those which he was required to use Wednesday night weighed six and a half ounces.
His friends unite with him in the assertion that this fact had an important bearing on the result, and that had the usual five-ounce gloves been used O'Brien's show-

ing would have been even better than it O'Brien, who is in Philadelphia, says: O'Brien, who is in Philadelphia, says:

"Ryan is one of the easiest men to hit that I ever boxed with, and I am just as sure as I am standing here that I can win from him in a longer bout, or even in another six-round affair. The fifth round of Wednesday night's bout was my own fault. I grew careless after I saw that I had such an easy proposition before me, and one or two of Ryan's blows on the stomach put from him in a longer bout, or even in an-other six-round affair. The fifth round of an easy proposition before me, and one or two of Ryan's blows on the stomach put me in distress. Another time I would be bought in by his owner, Kansas Price.

The rule of eligibility now in force at the last race, was run up to \$1,005, and bought in by his owner, Kansas Price.

The rule of eligibility now in force at the last race are represented to the regard to me in distress. Another time I would be more careful, and I am sure that I can make as big a monkey of him as I did in the first four rounds of Wednesday night's fight. I am willing to meet Ryan at any time, place, and for any amount. I am even willing to box him, winner take all."

Ryan was around bright and early in the

Magnate Brush Would Be Free of Ironclad Contract.

Quaker city yesterday morning and said:
"I want to get that fellow in a bout of
fifteen or twenty rounds, and then you will
see just who is the better man. He weighs many pounds more than I do, but at that I had him beaten, and no one knows it betmit that he very nearly had me in the first part of the fifth round, but I came back all

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

the appearance of the sponge in the ring at a critical moments.

The receipts for he fight were the greatest ever taken in it a boxing bout in Philadelphia. The profession high-water mark was far exceeded this amount, being between \$5,000 and \$8,500 Up to Tuesday night far exceeded this amount, being between \$8,500 worth on the standard philadelphia. The profession high water mark was far exceeded this amount, being between \$8,000 and \$8,500 Up to Tuesday night far exceeded this pamount, being between \$8,000 worth on the standard philadelphia. The profession high receipts for the sponge in the ring at a critical moments.

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Every 33 and seat was sold before the doors opened, and inside of fifteen minutes after the sale of balcony seats was started every one was disposed of and the later comers had to be boutent with cooling their heels on the outside and hungrily listening to the cheering and yelling of their more fortunate fellows whalin.

INTERESTING SHOOTING MATCH. Baltimore Team Defeated Wilmington

by 55 Targets. The Baltimore Shooting Association's team of ten men defeated the crack Wil-mington team of ten men at the Baltimore Shooting Association grounds yesterday by a score of 829 to 774. Each man shot at

The weather conditions were not favorable for big scores. It was dark and cold during the early afternoon and snow fell while several squads were shooting their last twenty-five targets. The Baltimoreans

matches out of three for the interstate

next thirty days.

There is a nice, clean, earnest rivalry bethere is a fice, clean, earnest rivalry between the two clubs, and each will put forth extra efforts in attempts to win the deciding contest. The Wilmington boys proved to be a jolly set of true sportsmen. They accepted their unexpected defeat yesterday in a way which won the admiration of the big gallery present. of the big gallery present.

BENNING SPRING HANDICAPS.

Entries for the first and second Benning spring handicaps, the fixed events of the Washington Jockey Club's spring meeting, will close February 16. The first of these is at six furlongs, and has \$1,000 in added money. The second has an added value of \$1,500, and the distance is seven furlongs. One entrance fee makes a horse eligible for both events, starters in either to pay \$20 additional. The additional of the second starters and the second starters are seven for the second starters and the second se ditional. The weights will be announced March 1, and these races will be run over the new Columbia course for the first time.

On the same dates entries for the Grand Consolation, the principal event for two-year-olds of the autumn meeting, and the richest stake on the club's roster, will close. The Grand Consolation has \$3,000 added, and is framed to be a consolation event for horses of class which have failed to make good in the big events of the metropolitan season. The conditions provide penalties and allowances, and the winning of \$10,000 or more is equivalent to a declaration.

Entries for the three steeplechase events will close March 1

will close March 1. The improvement in the course at Ben-ning, it is claimed, insures favorable track conditions for the running of the event, whatever the weather conditions may be. There is every evidence that there will be a than in the past, as owners who have here tofore begun the season at the New York tracks will begin at the beginning by racing

ed the closing of entries for the Dixie and Vestal stakes of 1905 until the spring or early summer of that year. Originally they closed to entries in the spring of the year previous to the one in which they were run. board next season, and as such may take previous to the one in which they were run, no part in racing, but will go in for speed that is, eighteen months or so before the date of their running.

NEW ORLEANS RACES.

Jockey Cochran Set Down for Two

terday Jockey Cochran was set down for portunity to hide his work, because both his mount and St. Tammany were running free and there were but two other horses, Boaster and Pettijohn, in the running to di-

backed favorite to go to the post in many

St. Tammany was the logical favorite in the handicap, owing to his ability to nego-tiate the going, and all the big players followed the blonde plunger, Charlie Ellison, in assaulting the books up and down the line. St. Tammany was played from evens to 3 to 5 at post time. Pettijohn was the second choice, but he went to the post lame and was never a factor in the race, al-though he disposed of Boaster and received second place after the disqualification.

A special from Chicago says that there was little doing around base ball headquarters aside from rumors of deals and trades. It is persistently asserted by ball players who claim to be, "in the know" that Comiskey and Griffith have reached an agreement, and that Williams, Tannehill and possibly even Chesbro will be seen in White right from that punch in the jaw. I can whip O'Brien any day in the week, and if ever we meet again there will be no possibility of me being caught off my guard in New York apparel.

900 pairs 15c. Fast Black Half Hose at 5c. pair-and only 5 pairs to a purchaser.

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had the result secured early, finishing with a margin of fifty-five targets.

In the first shoot between these clubs, held at Wilmington, Del., December 30, there were nine men on each side. The final scores then were Wilmington 691, Balmore 611, the Wilmington team winning by a margin of 80 targets.

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In the results of the two shoots reckoned jointly the Wilmington boys have a lead of 25. Each contest, however, is a match, and the conditions call for the best two

February 16.

The date of the running of the rst Benning spring handicap is now less than sixty days away, and the announcement of the conditions for the race has been eagerly awaited by those owners who elect to begin the season's campaign at Benning, and and there is little doubt that the entries will be made on the same liberal scale as in the

vert the stewards' attention. The fouls-for there were more than one were deliberate, and the changing of the numbers on the finishing board aroused the greatest possible enthusiasm, owing to the fact that St. Tammany was the heaviest

Ethics was played by some wise people besides the stable connection, and his price dropped from 7 to 1 to 5 to 1. St. Tammany and Pettijohn raced out in front for a time, but the latter soon died away. Ethics joined the leader at the turn from the backstretch, and from there to the wire the horses ran head and head. After the numerous fouls St. Tammany looked like a sure winner, but Ethics finished with a wild burst of speed, and beat the favorite a

DON'T WANT DAVIS.

bility of me being caught off my guard again."

After the bout Wednesday night Manager Gallagher of the Mauch Chunk Athletic Club offered the two men 70 per cent of the receipts to meet at his club. Mr. Gallagher offered to build a suitable arena and post a forfeit to pull off the fight without police interference. O'Brien has accepted the offer and Ryan has it under consideration. It is likely also that an offer will be made by Billy Considine of Detroit.

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Entries, It is Announced, Will Close

The Washington Jockey Club has postpon-

Weeks for Fouling.

This winter there has been any amount of rough riding at the New Orleans Jockey tire season \$550,000.

Club track Boys have had their lives and Detectives whom he employed discovered Club track. Boys have had their lives endangered time and time again, but until yesterday the stewards have taken no real the prime mover in the conspiracy, but action to keep the rough riders down. Yesgrace. two weeks as a result of his tactics in piloting Ethics in the handicap. Ethics won, but in doing so he carried St. Tammany wide at the stretch turn and almost over the outside fence in the rush through the quarter stretch. Jockey Cochran had no op-

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D. J. KAUFMAN, The Man's Store, 1005-7 Penna. Avenue. The Man's Store,

for Chicago and turned back on the advice of his attorney, who told him that as he had an iron-clad contract with Brush he had better stay in New York, keep Brush to the agreement and get his money.

"I will further say that when Davis went south with the New Yorks for practice he

paid his own way, got not a cent from the club and was left behind when the club returned north. Well, Brush was stuck for Davis' salary. Later he tried to play Davis solely as a means of establishing a test Case.

"As it turned out, he could not play Davis, neither could he get rid of him.

"Brush has told me on his word that he would hail with joy any bold thief who would steal Davis—Coast League, Comiskey or any one at all."

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POOL ROOMS ROBBED. Davis Syndicate in New York Said to

Have Lost \$500,000. After having been closed several days, most of the pool rooms belonging to the Davis syndicate in New York are again

open, but most of them are controlled by new managers. It is now known that Davis merely made the raise in the price of its news service closing his rooms. He quit business temporarily because he learned that for nearly six months he had been systematically

robbed by men he had trusted implicitly. He suspected that something was going wrong, as his losses had been phenomenal, and he made many attempts to discover the cause of the trouble. Finally he found it necessary to reorganize his entire system of pool rooms to drive from his employ the men who were robbing him. It will be impossible for Davis to learn

how much money was stolen from him by his employes. According to the reports of his most intimate friends, he has lost \$500,-On the metropolitan race tracks last year Davis made the greatest book ever known in the east. He was lucky from the earliest meeting, and hardly a plunger in the country quit the season without paying many thousands of dollars to Davis. He was credited with having won on the en-

was credited with having won on the enthe leak in his pool room cash drawers. It is his opinion now that he knows who was

Y. M. C. A. Bowlers.

Team C of the Association League won three straight games from Team D last night, owing principally to the fact that the latter rolled the series with three men against five. Scott of the losing team rolled high game and also made high average. The scores were as follows: TEAM C.

| TEAU C. | First | Herring | 153 | Gaskill | 124 | Lawton | 146 | Parker | 126 | Overacker (capt.) | 179 | Totals 728 TEAM D.

Good Evening's Sport Promised. The Y. M. C. A. athletes have arranged nother big entertainment for its friends on Saturday evening in the association gymnasium, when a game of basket ball and contest in volley ball will be the features. Immediately after the calisthenic drill the volley ball game will begin, which will be at 8.20 o'clock, and the basket bail game will start at 9. The volley teams will be composed of boys under the captainty of

Messrs. Dimmic and Briscoe, two of the best in the association. The basket ball game will bring out the crack association team against the strong Urell Rifles of the National Guard League.
The Urells stand second in their league, while the Y. M. C. A. occupies the same position in the District League. These teams are evenly matched and a good bat-

Naval Academy, Annapolis, in regard to midshipmen who graduate earlier than usual by special order of the Secretary of the Navy will be to deprive next spring the athletes of the institution of the services of athletes of the institution of the services of E. P. Bassett of Connecticut, captain of the base bail nine, and Herbert H. Michael of Maryland, captain of the boat crew. Heretofore the midshipmen who were graduated ahead of time by the special order of the department were allowed to take part in athletics during the period in which they would have been students of the Naval Academy. This year, howeful the very constitution of impropriety it was thought betpossibly even Chesbro will be seen in White Sox uniforms next summer, while Flaherty, Fielder Jones and George Davis will gambol in New York apparel.

Much light was thrown upon the oft-disputed Davis case yesterday by a Cincinnati base ball authority, who stands close to John T. Brush Garry Herrmann and other

> Track and Turf Notes. At odds of 7 to 1 backers of Pretty Polly ave supported her to win the treble event

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During the excitement in the fifth round, when O'Brien was prostrate on the floor, Kid McCoy picked up the sponge and tried to sprinkle water on the Philadelphian for the purpose of reviving him. Some one jogged his elbow and the sponge slipped from his hand and hit O'Brien on the shoulder. Referee Crowhurst saw that it was an accident and kicked the sponge out of the ring. This is the explanation given for

longs race at Oakland yesterday by a head from Sad Sam, and broke the California record, covering the distance in 1.05½. This is a half second off the previous mark.

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meeting of the Metropolitan Jockey Club, at Jamaica, from April 25 to May 4, in-clusive, will close on Tuesday, Match 1 with the secretary, at No. 22 Court street, Brooklyn. Nine stakes will be run at the meeting, of which the Excelsior, at a mile and a sixteenth, with \$5,000 added, will be the most important. It will be run on the opening day. Robert Denham, who trains for M. Edmond Blanc, the famous French turfman, whose winnings in 1903 were far more than

those of any other owner, has been pre sented with a decoration for "merite agri-cole" because three of the colts trained by him were first, second and third in the Grand Prix de Paris last season. "Jack" Adler writes to a friend in New York that work on the new Hot Springs race track is now nearly finished and the place will be ready at the time set for the

beginning of the meeting. It may be found necessary to build more stables than the plans originally called for.

Francis Trevelyan is to be presiding judge at the Kansas City as well as the Haw-An officer of the French Jockey Club haz, it is said, been honored by having had conferred upon him the decoration of the Legion of Honor. M. Madelaine, for many years the entry and forfelt clerk of the famous racing society, is the officer thus complimented thorne race track.

complimented.

Five deeds for an aggregate consideration of \$87,000, executed by William C. Whitney to the Saratoga Racing Association for the Improvement of the Breed of Horses, were filed for record at the Saratoga county filed for record at the Saratoga county clerk's office, in Ballston, Wednesday, They

VICTIM OF HEART FAILURE.

General Joseph Darr, Civil War Veteran, Suddenly Expires. Gen. Joseph Darr, a veteran of the civil war, died suddenly of heart failure yesterday in his apartments at 1336 I street northwest. Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at St. Matthew's Church, under the auspices, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Rev. Father Buckey will celebrate requiem Gen. Darr was born in Cincinnati and was seventy-four years of age. He received a collegiate education, and was engaged in business in his home city at the out-break of the civil war. He immediately tendered his services to the President and was appointed lieutenant colonel of the 1st was appointed neutenant colonel of the 1st Virginia Cavalry of the Union army. He shortly afterward became chief of staff for Gen. Rosecrans, and was provost marshal general of the Department of Missouri during Gen. Rosecrans' term as commander of that department. He was brevetted briga-dier general for gallant and meritorious

During the closing year of the war he was provost marshal of West Virginia, and later in Missouri. His duties were of an extremely delicate nature in this capacity, and he is said to have been one of the best administrative officers in the Union army. Gen. Darr resigned his commission in December, 1864, and in 1866-67 was deputy collector of internal revenue of the second twenty-two years ago and accepted a clerk-ship in the record and pension division of the War Department, where he has since been employed. Gen. Darr was connected with the work of publishing the records of the rebellion until 1898, when he was transferred to other work. He was on duty at his desk Wednesday. He had just risen and was preparing to dress yesterday morn-ing when the fatal attack came. Life was extinct when he was found by the members of his family. He leaves a wife and two Gen. Darr was a prominent member of

ADVERSE REPORT.

the Elks and was connected with the G. A. R. His body will be interred at Arlington.

Local Board Opposes Transfer of Supervision of Certain Institutions.

The board of charities today submitted to the Commissioners an unfavorable report on the bill "to transfer to the Secretary of the Interior such supervision of the Government Hospital for the Insane, Freedman's Hospital and Asylum, and the Washington Hospital for Foundlings, as may have been conferred upon the board of charities of the District, under the act approved June 6, 1909."

The report on the bill is identical with that submitted in February, 1902, by the board of charities on a similar measure. The board states that no adequate reasons

The board states that no adequate reasons are given which the transfer proposed should be made.

In regard to Freedman's Hospital the report states that since 1893 the institution has been supported by District appropriation and is to all intents and purposes a part of the charitable system of the District. The board agrees with the Secretary of Interior that the divided control of the institution existing at present is unstitusfactory, but the board contends the

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for 15c.-in this sale at 7c. Underwear worth \$2 and \$3,

\$1.39 pairs of Drawers -all odd piecesthe finest underwear sold at \$2 and \$3 - incom-

Underwear up to \$1.50. 89c.

parable values, at

spring and fall meetings, respectively, this year at Washington, have been announced. They will close on February 16.

Double Six won the five and one-haif furlongs race at Oakland yesterday by a few largest specific patients.

board knows no reason why it should be exempted from the general law providing for the suprvision of District charities.

"The bill is clearly a step in the wrong direction," says the report. "It leads toward disintegration and confusion, rather than organization and system, and defeats the very object for which the heard of the very object for which the board of charities was created."

n the recommendation of the board of charities.

The Commissioners will probably concut

GAITHERSBURG NEWS. Movement for a High School—Knights of Pythias Fair-Briefs.

GAITHERSBURG, Md., January 28, 1904. Influential citizens have taken the initiatory steps looking to the enlarging of the present public school building of this place and the establishing of academic and manual training departments. For some time the school has been overcrowded numbering nearly one hundred pupils, and the two teachers have had a difficult task to give them the attention necessary for speedy advancement in their studies. After a consultation with Delegate Edmund L. Amiss of Gaithersburg, who is thoroughly familiar with the needs of the town,

determined to at once prepare and circulate petitions to the Montgomery county delegation in the legislature seeking a state appropriation. The petitions are being circulated, and before the end of the week it is expected they will be in readiness for presentation to the county delegation at Annapolis. It

his every effort for the success of the movement Forest Oak Lodge, No. 123, Knights of Pythias, at its last meeting made preparaon for the holding of its third annual ir. The following committee was selected: Dr. E. H. Etchison, chairman; Messrs, Wm. F. Gaither, James E. Garrett, Alexander G. Carlisle and Thos. W. Tschiffely. The date will be Wednesday and Thursday, February 10 and 11, at the Masonic Hall.

Intelligence has been received here of
the sudden death of Mr. Percy Thomas in
Culpeper, Va. Mr. Thomas was a native of

the Christmas holidays he was married at that place, and his widow survives him. His death was due to acute pneumonia. He was aged twenty-four years.

new two-story brick store building John A. Belt, at the corner of Diamond and Summit avenues. This improvement cost about \$6,000, and marks the site of the fire of September last, when he lost his whole plant. Mr. T. C. Groomes was the

ing, it is understood.

Dr. Charles H. Waters of this town and a delegation of supporters visited Annap-olis Wednesday and laid before Gov. Warfield his application for appointment to the secretaryship of the state bo 1 of health.

Secretary Shaw Transmits a Statement to the Senate.

pore Frye the following letter: "William D. Crum was appointed col-

lector at the port of Charleston, S. C., March 20, 1903, and a temporary commission issued. Mr. Crum qualified by executing bond for \$50,000, and took oath of office March 30, 1903. Mr. Crum was again appointed December 7, 1903, and has given bond in the sum of \$50,000, and took the oath of office on January 9, 1904. There

thority of law? William D. Crum is do facto collector at the port of Charleston, S. C. Whether he holds his position under authority of law is determinable, not by the executive department of the government, but by the judiciary, and by that only. He is not receiving pay because of the provisions of section 1761."

is proposed that a representative commit-tee of citizens go to Annapolis early next cover lakes on the south side of the speed-way and north of Horse Haven, adjacent to the Saratoga race track.

tee of citizens go to Annapolis early next week. Mr. Amiss, who is a member of the committee on education, promises to use

this county, and left here a short while ago to engage in business at Culpeper. During

Mr. Ldwin W. Monday, the new principal of the local public school, today moved from Laytonsville and expects to take charge on Monday morning. Prof. Lehman, the retiring principal, will continue to reside in Gaithersburg, though entering upon his duties at the Rockyille High School his duties at the Rockville High School Finishing touches are being put upon the

Mr. Charles E. Beall is a candidate for the vacant magistracy in Galthersburg dis-trict. Mr. James E. Garrett, who earlier entered the contest in deference to the wishes of his friends, has influential back-

STATUS OF COLLECTOR CRUM.

In response to Senator Tillman's resolution, adopted by the Senate, calling for the record of William D. Crum's appointments and his service as collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., Secretary of the Treasury Shaw has sent to President pro Tem-

oath of office on January 9, 1904. There has been no third appointment, and no fourth appointment. The same information is contained in a letter to Hon. B. R. Tillman, under date of January 8, 1904, and which appears in the Congressional Record of January 25, 1904.

"The resolution also asks: 'Is Mr. Crum now in office, and, if so, under what authority of law?" William D. Crum is defacte collector at the port of Charleston.

having himself been principal of the school for more than twenty-five years, it was